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SUBJECT: PALME HOLDS ANNUAL RECEPTION FOR MISSION CHIEFS

1. PRIME MINISTER PALME HELD HIS ANNUAL RECEPTION FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION IN STOCKHOLM JANUARY 31 AT MFA. HE STOOD IN RECEPTION ROOM 90 MINUTES CONVERSING CONSECUTIVELY WITH SCORE OR SO OF AMBASSADORS AND COMS. DECLARED PURPOSE OF RECEPTION WAS THAT PRIME MINISTER MEET COMS HE DOES NOT OFTEN SEE, AND HE STUCK TO SPIRIT OF THE OCCASION IN HIS CHOICE OF CONVERSATION PARTNERS.

2. I SHOOK HANDS WITH HIM ON ARRIVAL AND WE HAD BRIEF ROUND OF AGREEABLE SMALL TALK. BILATERAL RELATIONS DID NOT COME UP. I OFFERED HIM A CHANCE TO TALK ABOUT SMALL-STATE CONFERENCE HE WILL ATTEND IN SALZBURG THIS WEEKEND. HE PASSED IT UP. NO OTHER MATTER OF SUBSTANCE AROSE. IN COURSE OF NEXT HOUR HE DID NOT SEND AN AIDE TO INVITE ME TO RESUME CONVERSATION, AND I DEPARTED.

3. IN SEPARATE CONVERSATION PALME'S PERSONAL AIDE (SCHORRI) ALLOWED THAT PRIME MINISTER IS FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS (OR NON-DEVELOPMENTS) ON AMBASSADOR SITUATION WITH CLOSEST ATTENTION. SCHORRI HAS CHORE OF CHECKING THE SUBJECT EVERY MORNING.

4. MFA DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS (WACHTMEISTER), WHO WAS
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PRESENT, TOLD ME HE HAD GIVEN SWEDISH PRESS COMMENT ON SENATOR

KENNEDY'S RENEWED CALL FOR APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR TO STOCKHOLM. WACHTMEISTER SAID HIS COMMENT WAS: "(1) THE BALL IS IN THE AMERICAN COURT; (2) WE BELIEVE THE QUESTION IS ACTURAL; AND (3) WE HOPE THERE WILL BE A POSITIVE RESULT."

5. SOVIET AMBASSADOR (YAKOVLEV) PRESSED ME TO KNOW WHEN AN AMBASSADOR WOULD BE APPOINTED. I CHOSE WACHTMEISTER'S POINT TWO AS A REPLY. YAKOVLEV SAID SOVIET UNION WAS IN FAVOR OF NORMALIZATION OF U.S.-SWEDISH RELATIONS AND SPOKE OF APPOINTMENT OF AMBASSADOR STOESSEL APPROVINGLY. HE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT TO HAVE A MAN "OF FIRST QUALITY LIKE MR. STOESSEL" IN MOSCOW.
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